Mr. K. S. Joseph : I would suggest that the adjournment motion fixed for today may be discussed on a non-official day.

President : But there is already another adjournment motion for the non-official day. That is Mr. Narayana Kurup's.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE CUT MADE BY THE ASSEMBLY.

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : Sir, since the presentation of the budget at the Joint Session of the Sri Chitra State Council and the Sri Mulam Assembly, all the demands for grants were passed by the Assembly, subject to a cut of Re. 1 in the allotment of Rs. 1,93,31,250 under Demand III—Public Works Department including Water Works and Drainage. This cut has been accepted by Government. I beg to submit that the demands to be moved in this House be amended accordingly.

President : The P. W. D. demand was cut by Rupee one by the other House and the Government have accepted that cut. Now the general discussion commences.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

General Discussion of the Budget.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*) : I rise to congratulate the Financial Secretary for the very progressive budget and the lucid speech he made in introducing it. I wish not to cover the whole ground in my speech. I shall confine my speech to one or two topics, having regard to the limitations of time and the necessity for everybody to make some observations.

First of all, I will make reference to the transport. Sir, you have been kind enough to tell us today that overcrowding would be stopped. We heard it with very great joy, particularly those of us who do not own cars. If overcrowding is to be stopped it will be a great benefit. And now that there are 110 extra vehicles.....

President : But then there is another thing. I find that many of our existing vehicles were really running on dilapidated engines put together, so to say, with strings. We must discard a number of our existing vehicles.

Mr. M. Govindan : If some are to be discarded like that, it is doubtful whether the 110 extra vehicles will be enough to provide for the convenience of the travellers and to enforce the rule with regard to overcrowding.

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